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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR  
SUMMIT. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED.

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IT WAS A GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE  
FOR MRS. FORD AND ME, AND INDEED FOR ALL AMERICANS, TO HAVE  
THEIR MAJESTIES AS OUR GUESTS IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM  
EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS ENJOYED THEIR  
VISIT.

THOUGH THEIR STAY WAS BRIEF, THEIR MAJESTIES' WARMTH AND

SINCERITY MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION WHICH THIS COUNTRY WILL  
LONG REMEMBER. THEIR VISIT WAS AN EVENT OF PROFOUND  
IMPORTANCE WHICH SYMBOLIZED AND STRENGTHENED THE BONDS OF  
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT RAMBOUILLET. SINCERELY,  
GERALD R. FORD".

2. THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM  
WHICH MIKI SENT THE PRESIDENT UPON THEIR MAJESTIES' RETURN  
TO JAPAN.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: UPON THE RETURN OF THEIR MAJESTIES  
THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS TO JAPAN, I WISH TO EXPRESS THE  
HEARTFELT APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF  
JAPAN TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED  
STATES FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY  
EXTENDED TO THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR SOJOURN IN YOUR COUNTRY.  
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN ARE INDEED GRATIFIED  
THAT THEIR MAJESTIES HAVE RETURNED HOME SAFELY FROM THEIR  
JOURNEY, DURING WHICH THEY WERE CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY YOU  
AND MRS. FORD AND ENJOYED FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH A DIVERSE  
RANGE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THROUGH THEIR VISITS TO PLACES  
OF INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VISIT WAS AN  
EVENT OF PROFOUND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE SYMBOLIZING THE  
EVER-LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. THE  
EXPRESSIONS OF THE GENUINE GOODWILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
SO VIVIDLY EVIDENT IN THE COURSE OF THEIR MAJESTIES'  
VISIT, LEFT INDELIBLE MARKS ON THE MINDS OF THE JAPANESE  
PEOPLE.

PERMIT ME TO ASK YOU TO CONVEY MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL  
THOSE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE  
WORKED SO HARD FOR THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF THEIR  
MAJESTIES. WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, TAKEO  
MIKI, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN".

3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE LETTER BUT  
HAS NO OBJECTION IF MIKI WISHES TO DO SO.

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